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Mayor, the Borough, President, Board of Aldermen, Finance Department, Police Department, Fire Department, etc.

The historical portion of the book begins with the Indian boy and girl as they lived on the island of Manhattan at the time of the coming of the white man. Henry Hudson, Peter Stuyvesant, Nathan Hale, Alexander Hamilton, Robert Fulton, Samuel F. B. Morse, and Peter Cooper are considered with reference to the important work which each accomplished in the development of the city.

The author is to be congratulated upon having prepared a work fitted not only for the pupils of New York but for those of other places; for the plan may be used by teachers in any city. When pupils have thoroughly studied the geography of their home surroundings they will be better prepared to take up the study of other parts of the world.

It would seem wise to add a little more about the plants and animals to be seen in the parks, as subjects of special interest to children, and to include more exercises—that is, definite things to be done by the pupils. There are too few explicit statements in the text for the children, giving some short piece of work to be accomplished at some given time.

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The Congo. A Report of the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Congo Free State Government. iv and 171 pp. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1906.

This is a careful translation of the Report of the Commission which was appointed to ascertain if the natives in the Congo Free State had been subjected to ill-treatment by private individuals or by State agents, and to make suggestions as to methods of suppressing evils and promoting the welfare of the inhabitants. The Commission says that every possible facility and co-operation was extended to it during the four months of its investigations between Oct. 23, 1904, and Feb. 21, 1905. The conclusions reached and the suggestions submitted to the Congo Government have been briefly described in the press; but no paraphrase can take the place of the Report itself, which in several respects is very notable. The light it throws on the alleged Congo atrocities and the present condition of that territory, its value as a contribution to the literature of colonial government, and its acute and practical suggestions for the betterment of affairs which may have wider application than for the Congo alone, will make this little book a necessity in many libraries. It may be mentioned that the suggestions of the Commission are to be carried out, and that King Leopold appointed a committee to report on the best means of making them effective.

Senga Handbook. A Short Introduction to the Senga Dialect as Spoken on the Lower Luangwa, North-Eastern Rhodesia. By A. C. Madan. 100 pp. The Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1905. (Price, 2s. 6d.)

The Senga are a Bantu people, about 50,000 in number, living partly in British and partly in Portuguese territory on the lower Luangwa river, to the west of Lake Nyassa. This little book deals entirely with the Bantu forms and words used by that part of the tribe living in British territory.

Swahili (Zanzibar) Grammar. By A. C. Madan. 62 pp. The Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1905. (Price, 1s.)

Ki-Swahili is the *lingua-franca* of tropical East Africa, and Dr. Krapf and Bishop Steere years ago made the Swahili grammar accessible to all students.